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- (a) The State Board may remove an elected or appointed member of the county board or a member appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in office for an elected or appointed member for any of the following reasons:
 - (1) Immorality;
 - (2) Misconduct in office;
 - (3) Incompetency;
 - (4) Willful neglect of duty; or
- (5) Failure to attend, without good cause, at least 75% of the scheduled meetings of the county board in any 1 calendar year.
- (b) Before removing a member, the State Board shall send the member a copy of the charges against the member and give the member an opportunity to request a hearing within 10 days.
 - (c) If the member requests a hearing within the 10-day period:
- (1) The State Board promptly shall hold a hearing, but a hearing may not be set within 10 days after the State Board sends the member a notice of the hearing; and
- (2) The member shall have an opportunity to be heard publicly before the State Board in the member's own defense in person or by counsel.
- (d) A member removed under this section has the right to a de novo review of the removal by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

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